

IN THE SPECIFICATION

**Please amend paragraph [0004] beginning at page 3 as follows:**

[0004]

The gist of the present invention lies in a modifier for resin having an average particle size of 20  $\mu\text{m}$  or more, wherein particles having ~~an average~~ a particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less account for less than 30% by mass of the modifier, and particles having ~~an average~~ a particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less account for 30% by mass or more of the modifier after irradiating the modifier with ultrasonic wave of 40 W for 5 minutes.

Also the gist of the present invention lies in a resin composition comprising 1 to 40% by mass of the modifier for resin and 99 to 60 % by mass (the total amount of both components is 100% by mass) of a thermoplastic resin or a curable resin.

Also the gist of the present invention lies in a molded article which is produced by molding the same.

**Please amend paragraph [0020] beginning at page 17 as follows:**

[0020]

In the modifier for resin obtained under the above spraying conditions, particles having an average powder particle size of 20  $\mu\text{m}$  or more and 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less account for less than 30% by mass. Particles having ~~an average~~ a powder particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less preferably account for 20% by mass, and most preferably 10% by mass or less in view of handling property. The average particle size of the modifier for resin is preferably 200  $\mu\text{m}$  or less.

The modifier for resin of the present invention has a structure that primary particles in the graft copolymer latex are coagulated without being completely fused and particles having

~~an average~~ a particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less account for 30% by mass or more of the modifier after irradiating the modifier with ultrasonic wave of 40 W for 5 minutes. A modifier for resin in which particles having ~~an average~~ a particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less account for 40% by mass or more of the modifier after irradiating the modifier with ultrasonic wave of 40 W for 5 minutes is preferable, and a modifier for resin in which particles having ~~an average~~ a particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less account for 50% by mass or more of the modifier after irradiating the modifier with ultrasonic wave of 40 W for 5 minutes is most preferable.

Irradiation with ultrasonic wave is conducted after diluting the resulting powder with distilled water. For example, after irradiating with ultrasonic wave (40 W) for 5 minutes using a laser diffraction scattering type particle size distribution measuring apparatus (manufactured by NIKKISO CO., LTD. under the trade name of Microtrac MT3000, concentration range is automatically calculated by an apparatus), the proportion (% by weight) of particles having a particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less is measured.

**Please amend paragraph [0030] beginning at page 30 as follows:**

[0030]

The measurement results of the average particle size of the latex use in the preparation of the resulting modifiers for resin (IM1 to 4), the average particle size of the modifier for resin powder before and after irradiation with ultrasonic wave, the content of particles having ~~an average~~ a particle size of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or less and the glass transition point are shown in Table 1.

Please amend paragraph [0031]/Table 1 beginning at page 31 as follows:

[0031]  
 [Table 1]

	Average particle size of latex [nm]	Average particle size of powder				Glass transition point [°C]	
		Before irradiation with ultrasonic wave		After irradiation with ultrasonic wave (40 W × 300 sec)			
		Content of particles having an average size of 10 μm or less [%]	Average particle size [μm]	Content of particles having an average size of 10 μm or less [%]	Average particle size [μm]	Rubber moiety	Shell moiety
IM-1	900	1	43	64	4	-23	86
IM-2	600	3	38	57	7	-25	88
IM-3	610	0	60	55	8	-25	88
IM-4	95	0	92	2	75	-41	81